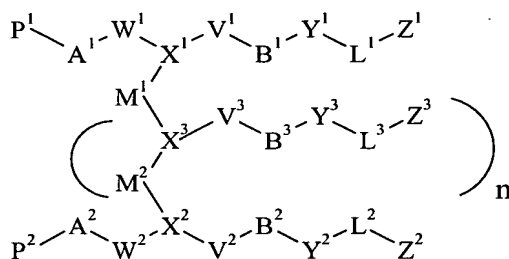


Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 10 and ending at page 3, line 5 with the following new paragraph.

Thus, the present invention provides a compound of formula (I):



(I)

wherein

P^1 and P^2 independently represent a polymer residue;

Z^1 , Z^2 and Z^3 independently represent the residue of a biologically active moiety;

X^1 , X^2 and X^3 independently represent CR^1 or N;

A^1 and A^2 independently represent -CONH-, -NHCO-, -OC(O)N(R^2)-, -N(R^2)C(O)O- or -NHCONH-;

B^1 , B^2 and B^3 independently represent -CONH- or -CO-;

V^1 , V^2 and V^3 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_v$;

W^1 and W^2 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_w$;

Y^1 , Y^2 and Y^3 independently represent $-(CH_2)_y$;

L^1 , L^2 and L^3 independently represent a spacer group;

M^1 and M^2 independently represent a covalent bond or $-(CH_2)_m$;

R^1 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^2 represents hydrogen or C_{1-4} alkyl;

n is zero, 1 or 2;

v is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

w is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

y is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and

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m is 1, 2 or 3.